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## Media Release

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**Immediate Release:**

### **Mohokare recognises the significance of Africa Day**

When the Organisation of African Unity [OAU] was formed on the 25 May 1963 a precursor to African Union[AU] under the stewardship of his Majesty; Emperor Haile Selassie as the first Chairperson. The objective was to promote the unity and solidarity of African States to achieve a better life for people of Africa. The theme for this year is “We are Africa” – “Opening doors of learning and culture from Cape to Cairo”.

Africa Day provides the opportunity for those Africans who are separated from the mother Continent to reconnect with Africa. For those who remain on the Continent, but find themselves outside their countries of birth serves as a reminder of the cohesion and chemistry as Africans; our common challenges, struggles and achievements. President Jacob Zuma will lead the Africa Day celebration under the theme “We are Africa” - “Opening doors of learning and culture from Cape to Cairo” on the 24 May 2015 at the Mamelodi Campus of the University of Pretoria.

The Africa Day theme “We are Africa” is a declaration and celebratory statement of pride, which fosters inclusivity from all stakeholders.

Africa Day acknowledges the progress that we, as Africans have made through all years from Slavery; Colonialism and Apartheid segregation. South Africa is an integral part of African Continent, therefore Mohokare Local Municipality is a sphere of government closest to the people hence it shall also celebrate the Day with the intention to strengthen the socio, cultural, economic and the political relations amongst African nations living within the area of Mohokare. The Council of Mohokare under the staunch leadership of Mayor, Clr A.M Shasha forms part of this celebratory, momentous and mostly prestigious event of Africa Day. Mohokare local municipality will be holding its celebration to further encourage and forge a common goal of fighting the scourge of hatred towards African brothers and sisters; to deal away with xenophobic attacks and contribute towards building a positive image of South Africa. The President of South Africa said “We call upon all our people to mark Africa Day in various ways by celebrating South Africa’s unique diversity, rich culture and traditions”. Mohokare local municipality is directly moving towards the call of President JG Zuma. It is a day for us to celebrate African solidarity, friendship, a common humanity and destiny therefore the honourable Mayor, Clr A.M Shasha further conveys the message of support towards African unity, a harmonious living environment.

The event shall be coordinated under the following arrangements:

- Venue: Zastron Town Hall

- Time: 10:00
- Date: 25 May 2015

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